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Least Developed Countries (LDCs):
"Investment Opportunities in Pre-Emerging Markets"
(UNCTAD/UNIDO)
Geneva 23-25 June 1997
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Consideration of issues related to the mobilization of the private sector for the promotion of foreign investment flows towards the least developed countries (LDCs)

4. Adoption of the report

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II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

Item 1: Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Pilot Seminar elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda for the Seminar is in section I above. The schedule of meetings for the three days is attached to this document.

Documentation

TD/B/SEM.2/1 Provisional agenda and annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 3: Consideration of issues related to the mobilization of the private sector for the promotion of foreign investment flows towards the least developed countries (LDCs)

3. Pursuant to paragraph 89(g) of "A Partnership for Growth and Development", UNCTAD and UNIDO are co-sponsoring the organization of the Pilot Seminar on the Mobilization of the Private Sector in order to Encourage Foreign Investment Flows towards the Least Developed Countries.

4. For the consideration of this item, the Seminar will have before it a report prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat. The report draws on two background staff papers: "Experiences on country funds and venture capital funds in developing countries" (UNCTAD/GDS/GFSB/1) and "Prospects for and constraints on foreign investment in LDCs" (UNCTAD/GDS/GFSB/2), which include replies to questionnaires sent to LDCs and investment fund managers.

5. The issues to be considered will include: (a) prospects for, and constraints on, foreign investment flows to LDCs, through investment funds such as country funds and venture capital

funds; (b) investment opportunities in LDCs by country and by sector; (c) conditions for the creation of investment funds for LDCs.

6. Studies will be made available to participants on investment opportunities in LDCs in the three sectors: infrastructure, agro-industries and tourism. These studies are being prepared by UNCTAD/UNIDO, under Technical assistance project INT/97/A12, financed by the Government of Norway.

7. UNIDO has also prepared information on investment opportunities in seven LDCs (Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia), as well as on opportunities offered by privatization schemes in Africa.

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Item 4 Other business

Item 5. Adoption of the report

8. The Seminar will adopt its recommendation/findings at the end of the meeting. The final report will be compiled under the authority of the Chairman after the conclusion of the meeting.

Annex

Schedule of meetings

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
10 a.m. Plenary - Opening of the Seminar by Director - Election of officers - Adoption of agenda **Followed by** Informals: Substantive item 3 (a). Prospects for and constraints on foreign investment in LDCs	10 a.m. Informals : Substantive item 3 (b). Investment opportunities in LDCs	10 a.m. Informals: Substantive item 3 (c). Conditions for the creation of investment funds in LDCs
3 p.m. Informals: Item 3 - (continued)	3 p.m. Informals: Item 3 - (continued)	3 p.m. Informals: Substantive item 3 - (continued) Plenary (closing) Adoption of recommendation/findings